

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

Listing of the claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, said method inhibiting rebar corrosion and product degradation due to alkali reactions and to presence of alkalis and sulfates in said structure, said method comprising the following step:

applying a composition containing lithium glycerophosphate to a surface of said structure.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said composition is an aqueous solution.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the following step:

impregnating said structure with said aqueous solution containing lithium glycerophosphate.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein an amount of lithium glycerophosphate from 0.003 to 3 mol/m² is applied.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said composition is applied using means selected from the group consisting of a brush, a roller and a spray device.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, wherein said steel rebars are exposed to open air, to inhibit corrosion of said steel rebars, said method comprising the following step:

covering said rebars with a paint containing lithium glycerophosphate.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein said paint is an aqueous-based paint.

22-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, obtained by a method as claimed in claim 14.

26. (Previously Presented) A structure comprising a cement-based product and steel rebars, obtained by a method as claimed in claim 20.

27. (Cancelled)